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CITY OF MENOMONIE 800 Wilson Avenue, Menomonie, Wisconsin

NOTICE TO UTILITY CUSTOMERS

On December 20, 2004, the Menomonie City Council authorized a wastewater rate increase necessitated by a projected decline in industrial revenue. Below is the new rate schedule which will be applied beginning with the first quarter, 2005, utility bills. Customers will receive their first quarter bills about April 1 with the average rate increase for a 2500 cubic foot residential wastewater user expected to be approximately \$2.93 per quarter. Wastewater rates were last adjusted in January of 2001, and water rates in December of 2002. If you have questions concerning either water or wastewater billings, please contact the city treasurer's office at 232-2221.

WASTEWATER RATES PER QUARTER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005

Volume Charge \$2.05 per 100 cubic feet Minimum Charge \$12.50 per Quarter

Residential wastewater charges are based on 100% of metered water consumption based on quarterly readings. Residential wastewater charges for the two summer quarters are based on winter quarters in order to avoid wastewater charges for water not entering the wastewater system, i.e. car washing, lawn and garden watering. Depending on actual meter reading dates, the summer watering period extends from about March 1 to September 1.